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In response to the Notice to Comply with the Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures, mailed March 29, 2004, applicants submit herewith: (1) a computer diskette containing the computer readable Sequence Listing for the above-identified patent application; (2) a paper copy of the Sequence Listing; (3) a Statement To Support Filing and Submission in Accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.821-1.825 indicating that the paper copy is identical to the computer-readable copy of the Sequence Listing; and (4) an Amendment to the Specification. Also submitted is a copy of the Notice to Comply with Sequence Listing Requirements as received from the U.S.P.T.O. No new matter is presented in the computer readable and written forms of the Sequence Listing. Entry of the Sequence Listing into the instant application is respectfully requested.

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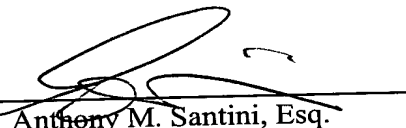
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